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1. SUMMARY: SCHMIDT AND GIEREK SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS AT HELSINKI CONCERNING THE EMIGRATION FROM POLAND OF 125,000 ETHNIC GERMANS. THE FRG WILL GRANT POLAND A 1 BILLION DM CREDIT PAID OVER THREE YEARS AND MAKE A 1.3 BILLION DM LUMP SUM PAYMENT PENSION PAYMENT. THE CDU/CSU OPPOSITION HAS CRITICIZED THE AGREEMENT HEAVILY, CALLING IT BLACKMAIL. END SUMMARY.

2. DEPUTY GOVERNMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN GRUENEWALD ANNOUNCED AUGUST 4 THAT SCHMIDT AND GIEREK AGREED ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THREE AGREEMENTS:

A. A CREDIT FROM THE FRG TO POLAND OF 1 BILLION DM, TO BE PAID IN THREE ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING IN 1975. THE CREDIT WILL BE PAID BACK IN 20 YEARS, FOLLOWING A 5 YEAR GRACE PERIOD. A FRG GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL HAS CONFIRMED TO THE EMBASSY PRESS REPORTS THAT THE CREDIT WAS GRANTED AT AN INTEREST RATE OF 2.5 PERCENT.

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B. A ONE-TIME LUMP SUM PAYMENT TO THE POLISH

PENSION SYSTEM OF 1.3 BILLION DM.

C. A BILATERAL PROTOCOL PROVIDING FOR THE EMIGRATION FROM POLAND UPON PERSONAL APPLICATION, OF 125,000 ETHNIC GERMANS. ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM HELSINKI, THE EMIGRATION WILL TAKE PLACE OVER 4 YEARS. SCHMIDT EMPHASIZED THAT AFTER THIS INITIAL PERIOD INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS FOR EMIGRATION ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS CAN BE MADE.

3. GRUENEWALD ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS PLANNED THE AGREEMENTS WILL BE INITIALED NEXT WEEK. THEY WILL BE PUBLISHED AFTER SIGNATURE.

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WILL SIGN THE AGREEMENTS IN OCTOBER DURING A VISIT TO WARSAW. GIEREK WILL REPORTEDLY VISIT THE FRG IN THE SPRING OF 1976.

5. THE NEWS OF THE AGREEMENT RECEIVED HEAVY PLAY IN THE MONDAY PRESS. SUPPORT FOR THE AGREEMENT WAS VOICED BY SPD/FDP LEADERS, INCLUDING BRANDT ON TV, ALONG EXPECTED LINES. CRITICISM FROM THE CDU/CSU OPPOSITION WAS FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN THE PRESS. CARSTENS, NOTING THAT PERMISSION FOR EMIGRATION WAS ALREADY PROVIDED FOR IN THE WARSAW TREATY, SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAS PAID TWICE. GERHARD REDDEMANN CALLED THE AGREEMENTS A QUOTE FURTHERANCE OF BLACKMAIL END QUOTE, WHILE HEINRICH LUMMER (CDU, BERLIN) DESCRIBED THEM A SUCCESS FOR POLISH POLICY OF BLACKMAIL.

6. WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE A FULLER BRIEFING FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON AUGUST 6.  
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